

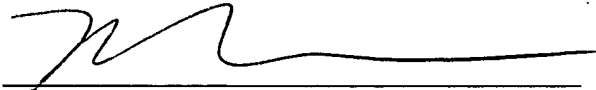
REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 20-23 are allowed. Claims 6-12 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112. Claims 6-12 also stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over EP 0605826 in view of Nguyen, U.S. Patent No. 6,669,849.

Claims 6-12 are cancelled herein. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 20-23 are the only claims remaining at issue and each has been indicated as being allowed. Applicant therefore respectfully requests prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If it would be helpful to obtain favorable consideration of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call and discuss this case with the undersigned.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefore to deposit account No. 19-5117 if not otherwise specifically requested. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any required fees not included or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to be charged to deposit account No. 19-5117.

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